

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public meeting for interested persons on the review of the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in the East River in Mathews County, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 41 containing the Upper East River and Put in Creek tributaries to Mobjack Bay and Chesapeake Bay in Mathews County, Virginia.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This is a meeting of concerned citizens, state and local government, to discuss the draft report and possible implementation options in the development of the final draft of the TMDL. The meeting will be held on October 18, 2006 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Old Mathews Courthouse, 27 Court Street, Mathews, VA 23109. A copy of the draft TMDL may be found on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl> in the draft reports section. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116.